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SUBJ: TANZANIAN COMMENT ON BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S  
PROPOSALS ON RHODESIA

1. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF APRIL  
18 ANALYSED BRITISH PROPOSAL ON CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT FOR  
RHODESIA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: HEADS OF STATE OF THE FRONTLINE STATES ARE  
MEETING IN LUANDA, ANGOLA, TODAY TO DISCUSS THE ON-GOING STRUGGLE  
FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA  
AS THE HOTTEST AREAS OF STRUGGLE.

THE MEETING COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE BRITISH, WITH AMERICAN  
SUPPORT, ARE TRYING TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE FRONTLINE STATES  
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FOR YET ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL COMFERENCE, THIS TIME TO WORK OUT  
THE CONSTITUTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE.

THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, DR. DAVID OWEN, HAS BEEN  
SHUTTLING IN THE AREA TRYING TO GET THE SUPPORT OF THE FRONTLINE  
STATES FOR THE CONFERENCE.

IN DAR ES SALAAM, DR. OWEN MET WITH THE LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC  
FRONT, REPRESENTING THE FIGHTING FORCES OF ZIMBABWE. AFTER THE

MEETING THE LEADERS OF THE FRONT SAID THAT BRITAIN WAS STILL UNCERTAIN ON HOW POWER SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE AFRICAN MAJORITY IN ZIMBABWE.

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT EXPLAINED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NEITHER THE WILL NOR COMMITMENT TO EFFECTIVELY TRANSFER AND GUARANTEE POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

FOR THE QUESTION REALLY IS NOT THE CONSTITUTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. BRITAIN CAN DRAW UP THE BEST OF CONSTITUTIONS FOR ZIMBABWE WITH OR WITHOUT A CONFERENCE.

THE QUESTION IS THE TRANSFER OF POWER FROM THE REBELS TO THE AFRICAN MAJORITY. HOW IS THIS GOING TO BE DONE?

THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID BEFORE LEAVING DAR ES SALAAM THAT BRITAIN COULD NOT GUARANTEE THE TRANSFER OF POWER UNTIL AFTER THE CONSTITUTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE HAD BEEN WORKED OUT.

IT IS SAID THAT THE AMERICANS ARE WILLING TO USE THEIR ENORMOUS POWER AND INFLUENCE TO GUARANTEE THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ONCE THE CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN AGREED UPON.

ASSUMING THIS TO BE TRUE, THE AMERICANS WOULD NO DOUBT DO SO ONLY IF THE CONSTITUTION PROTECTS THEIR INTERESTS, AND THAT OF THEIR ALLIES, AND ADVANCES THEIR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES IN ZIMBABWE AND AFRICA.

COULD IT BE, THEREFORE, THAT THE REASON FOR YET ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IS TO TRY AND GET THE ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST LEADERS TO AGREE TO SUCH A CONSTITUTION?

THE HISTORY OF ALL REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLES HAS SHOWN THAT AS THE STRUGGLE ADVANCES TO ITS OBJECTIVE, THE ENEMY TRIES TO SALVAGE ON THE CONFERENCE TABLE LOST ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

THE LEADERS OF THE FRONTLINE STATES WHO WILL BE MEETING IN LUANDA TODAY HAVE GIVEN THEIR UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FIGHTING FORCES MEETING TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE STRUGGLE AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON HOW TO DEFEAT THE MANOEUVRES OF THE ENEMY.  
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